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E.U. 12065: WDS-3 1/4/02 (PRECHT, HENRY)OR-M
 TAGS: PEPR, EG, US
 SUBJECT: MFU

1. SECRET-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT LUNCH JANUARY 3 WITH SENATOR PERCY, MINISTER OF
 STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BOUTROS GHALI, SAID HE HAD
 PRESSED FOREIGN MINISTER CHEYSSON VERY HARD ON THE NEED
 TO GET A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE EC-4 TO ISRAEL
 BEFORE JANUARY 5. CHEYSSON HAD DECLINED TO BE RUSHED.
 HE SAID THAT IF THE EUROPEANS PRESENT THEIR RESPONSE
 NOW, THE ISRAELIS WOULD INEVITABLY PRODUCE ANOTHER
 LETTER AFTER JANUARY 5 WHICH WOULD REQUIRE YET ONE
 MORE EC RESPONSE. THE BASIC ERROR IN THE FRENCH VIEW,

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BOUTROS SAID, WAS THAT THE AMERICANS HAD NOT ORIGINALLY
PRESSED THE ISRAELIS NOT TO INSIST ON ANY FURTHER
STATEMENT FROM THE EUROPEANS.

3. BOUTROS SAID HE HOPED THAT EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION
IN THE MFO WOULD NOT BECOME A CRISIS ISSUE. IF THE
EC-4 DECLINED OR FOUND IT TOO DIFFICULT TO PARTICIPATE,
SO MUCH THE WORSE FOR THEM. THE MFO SHOULD BE CONSTITUTED
OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES WHO HAD ALREADY AGREED TO
PARTICIPATE. WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW ISRAEL TO USE THE
ABSENCE OF EC-4 UNITS AS AN EXCUSE NOT TO WITHDRAW.
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END OF MESSAGE

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